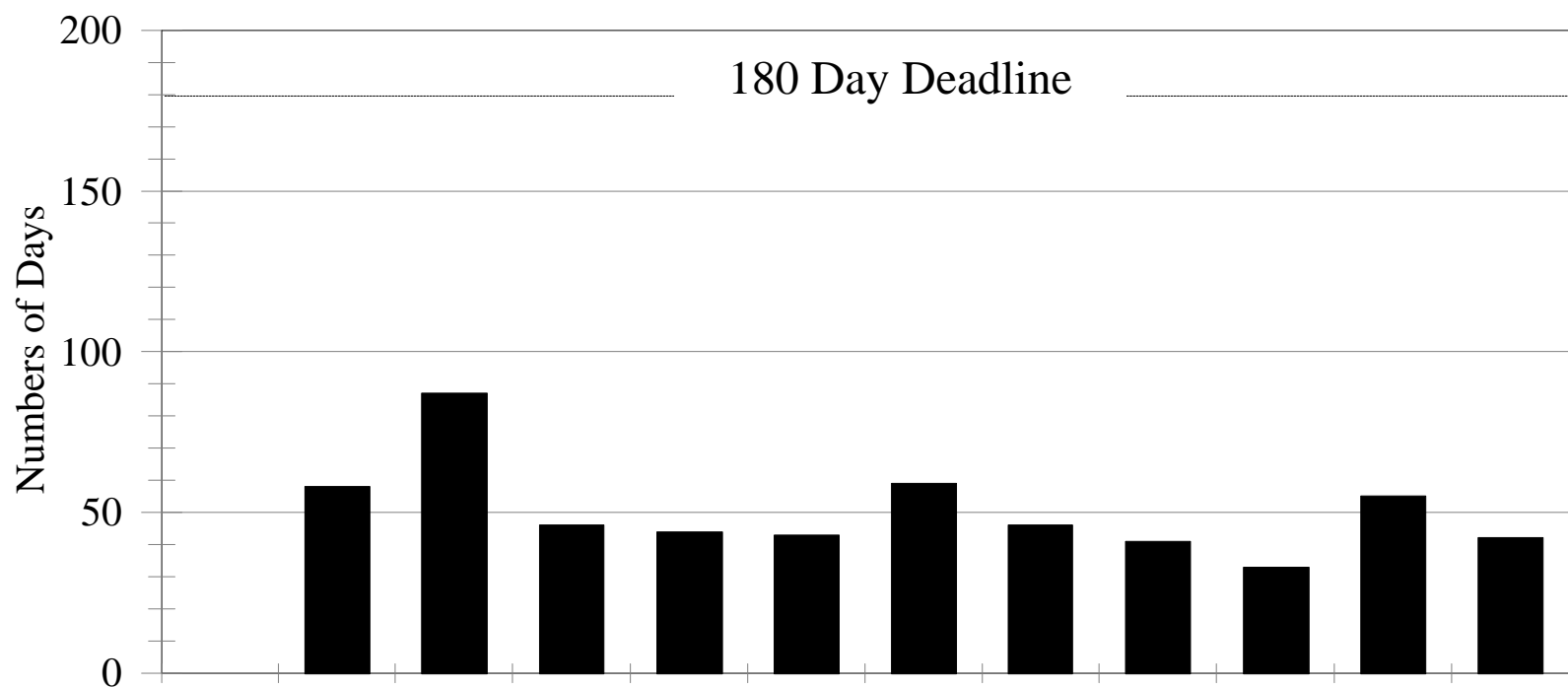


Office of Water Management

New National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits

Median Number of Days to Issue Final Decisions (Minor General)*



| Applications | Jan '97 | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Median # of Days to Issue | N/A | 58 | 87 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 59 | 46 | 41 | 33 | 55 | 42 | |
| #Final Decisions Past Deadline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Note: The median number of days to issue a final decision for January is indicated as N/A since no final decisions were made in that month.

* The numbers in this graph have changed substantially from previous months due to improvements to the database. The graph previously included a count of those permits which had expired, but for which the permittee had not yet submitted an application for permit renewal. Henceforth, only applications received will be counted. In addition, General Permits were previously incorrectly counted as Renewals, while Revocations and Reissuances were incorrectly omitted from Renewals totals.